

## Locations of Pest Activity

**Cockroaches:** Kitchens and kitchen equipment; grocery bags; unrefrigerated vegetables; toasters; ovens; radios and TVs; bathrooms; electrical and plumbing conduits; floor drains.

**Ants:** Wall voids; gaps under doors and around utility piping; house plants; cracks in pavement; under landscape timbers, rocks and mulch.

**Fleas:** Pets; carpets; furniture; pet bedding; yard.

**Flying Insects:** Trash receptacles; faulty plumbing; eaves; attics; light fixtures; wall voids; standing water and other moist areas.

**Pantry/Fabric Pests:** Flour; potpourri; spices, cereals; rice; beans; dry pet food; stored clothing; woolen rugs.

**Mice:** Kitchen cabinets; stored food; storage areas; wall voids; inside appliances; closets; attics, garages; basements.

## Control Measures

Clean up spilled foods and water; eliminate harborage and seal entry points; repair water leaks; increase ventilation; inspect incoming foods and packaging. Use insect baits, dusts and traps available from self help store.

Remove food sources; seal all cracks and crevices; locate and eliminate nests; correct drainage in houseplants; seal cracks in pavement and concrete slab. Baits work well; follow label instructions.

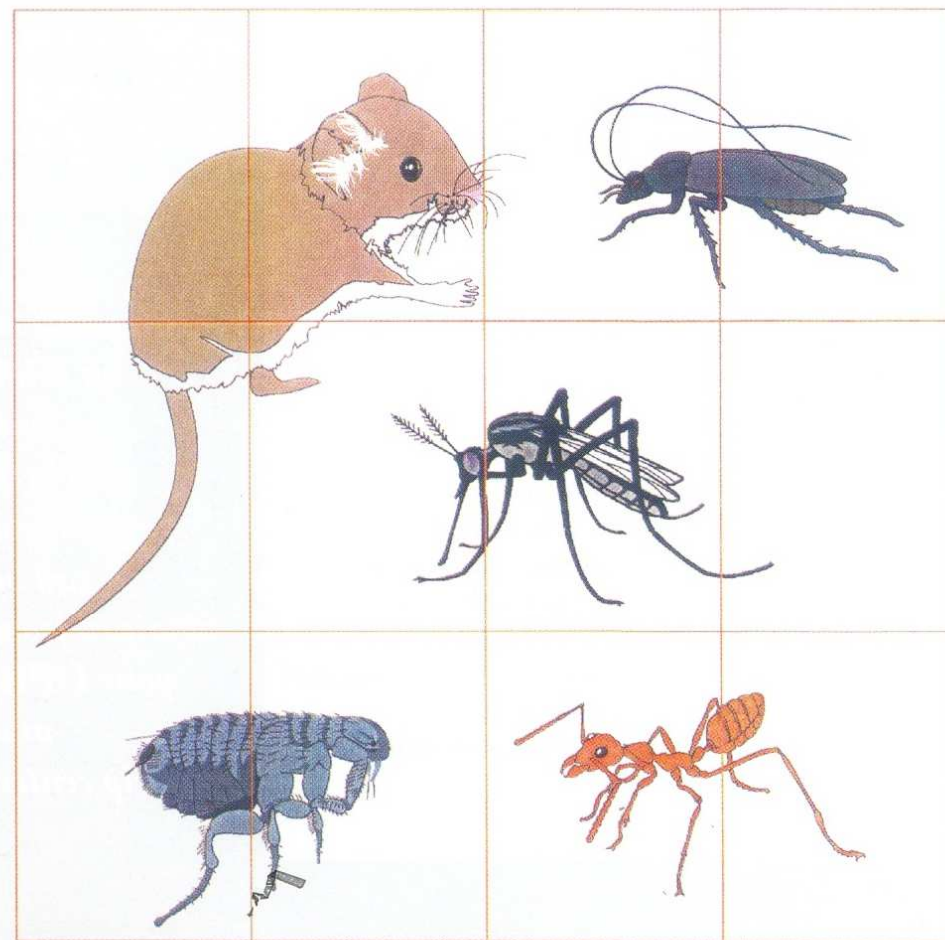
Steam vacuum carpeting and furniture; keep pets in your own yard; pet flea treatment by veterinarian..

Repair screens; change lighting; improve drainage; remove garbage daily; keep trash cans clean and covered; repair cracks around siding; windows and doors.

Inspect foods and packaging prior to storage; store foods in glass/plastic containers; clean-up spilled foods; rotate dry goods; store only clean cloths.

Seal holes and entry points; eliminate food and water; remove nesting sites; inspect incoming boxes. Install mice traps along runways.

# A Self Help Guide To Reduced Risk Pest Control



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Technical Assistance Available:

Self-Help store: DSN: \_\_\_\_\_

DPW: \_\_\_\_\_



## What is Reduced Risk Pest Control?

Reduced risk pest control is an integrated, common sense approach that utilizes routine surveys to determine if and when pest control treatments are needed. It employs a combination of physical, mechanical, cultural, biological, and educational tactics to eliminate or keep pest numbers low enough to prevent intolerable damage or annoyance. If pesticides are needed, least-toxic chemical controls are used, as a last resort.

## What benefits can you expect?

Pest Prevention  
More Awareness  
Less Reliance on Pesticides  
Improved Home and Office Maintenance  
Long-Term Solutions to Pest Problems  
Precise Pesticide Application  
Effective and Environmentally Sensitive Protection  
Better Quality of Life  
Reduced Exposure to Medically Important Pests

***Always keep all pesticides  
and other household chemicals  
out of reach of children.***

***Integrated Pest  
Management  
(IPM) is  
successful  
when your  
DPW engineer  
and you  
work together  
to control pests.***

***Information  
on IPM  
and  
self help  
pest control  
can be  
obtained from  
your DPW  
and  
self help center.***

### Questions:

Q. How does IPM differ from traditional pest control?

Q. What does "integrated" mean?

Q. What does IPM involve?

Q. What is your responsibility in IPM?

Q. What is habitat modification?

Q. Does IPM eliminate the use of pesticides?

Q. When pesticides are used, how will they be applied?

### Answers:

A. IPM requires more participation by the home, office or building occupant to achieve long-term pest control. Chemicals, when used alone, only provide short-term relief from nuisance pests.

A. The use of two or more pest control techniques (Inspection, Identification, Improved Sanitation, Pest Exclusion and/or Pesticides) to achieve long-term control.

A. IPM requires time and effort to: inspect for pest activity; employ pest control procedures; eliminating points of entry and nesting areas; and deter potential infestations and/or reduce existing ones.

A. Your continuous involvement and participation are needed to implement your pest control technician's recommendations, and getting the most out of self help pest control items by carefully following label instructions.

A. Homes, offices and restaurants can provide food, water, and harborage for pests. Removing food, water and denying access into these places can control pest problems.

A. Effective IPM program may include the use of least-toxic pesticides. However, the amount needed will likely be reduced.

A. Self-help store personnel or DPW technical experts can assist you in selecting pest control items and making correct pesticide applications. For significant pest infestations, your DPW pest control technician or contractor will make pesticide applications.